JFK's first coffin reportedly sunk

WASHINGTON — A bronze coffin used to carry President John F. Kennedy's body from Dallas to Washington is 9,000 feet down in the Atlantic Ocean, according to assassination documents.

Materials to be released Tuesday at the National Archives will show that in early 1965, the coffin was dropped from a military plane into the ocean.

The revelation — on the eve of what would have been Kennedy's 82nd birthday — solves a lingering mystery about its whereabouts.

Kennedy was buried in a mahogany coffin that replaced the bronze one, which was missing a handle and had been damaged.

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